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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/668,297
Filing Date	September 25, 2000
First Named Inventor	Ken MASHITANI et al
Group Art Unit	2872
Examiner Name	A. Chang
Attorney Docket Number	107336-00008

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Fine Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Preliminary Amendment

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(d) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

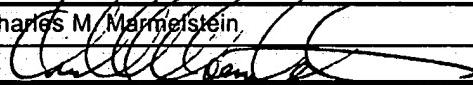
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300  
i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other Any additional fees which may be due
- b.  Enclosed is Check # 354884 in the amount of \$ 750.00 for the required RCE fee
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of

Ken MASHITANI et al

Application No.: 09/668,297

Filed: September 25, 2000

For: STEREOSCOPIC IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE WITHOUT GLASSES

Group Art Unit: 2872

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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February 19, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up version of the claims is attached hereto.

1. (Twice Amended) An autostereoscopic image display device comprising:  
an image display means for displaying a left eye image and a right eye image in alternately forming stripe-shaped patterns upon a liquid crystal display panel;  
a sensor for sensing a position of a head of a viewer;  
a shading means comprising a continuous shading part with liquid crystal shutters provided on both sides of the continuous shading part for turning on and off based upon the position of the head of the viewer to generate a binocular parallax effect; and  
area shifting and division control means for dividing the shading means into areas in a horizontal direction and controlling shifting of said liquid crystal shutters in each of the areas.
- [Handwritten marks: 'X' over the first sentence, curly braces under 'area shifting and division control means', and a large bracket under 'areas in a horizontal direction and controlling shifting of said liquid crystal shutters in each of the areas.'].*